

Proposed Bill No. 263

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LCO No. 1314

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by: SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS PURSUING CAREERS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require that the
- 2 Department of Public Health shall (1) annually allocate funds for a
- 3 loan forgiveness program for historically underrepresented students
- 4 pursuing careers in the health profession in an amount equivalent to
- 5 the amount of available federal funds allocated for such purposes, and
- 6 (2) advertise such loan forgiveness program in such manner as the
- 7 department finds will most effectively attract a greater number of
- 8 historically underrepresented students to the health professions.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase financial assistance for underrepresented students pursuing careers in the health profession.